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### AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated August 28 2002, with an initial period of three months for response. Accompanying this response is a Petition for Extension of Time, as well as the appropriate fee, thereby extending the period for response by three months, up to and including February 28, 2003. Reconsideration of the application in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

#### Accompanying Documents:

Accompanying this response are the following documents

- (1) Substitute specification;
- (2) Marked-up copy of the originally filed specification;
- (3) Appendix A – marked-up copy of the claims, showing the amendments made herein;